

Narrative Description

The Bentley Alternative Education Program is designed as an alternative to regular education for approximately sixty students in grades seven through twelve from Illing Middle School and Manchester High School.

The program is designed to meet the needs of secondary school students who are struggling in classes, have a high absentee rate, skip classes and/or have difficulty following established rules. The frequency and intensity of these behaviors identify each student at risk for prolonged school failure and a potential school dropout. The students have a recent history of failure and lack of motivation. They have clearly identified themselves as needing a “different” style of education.

The goals and objectives of the Alternative Education Program are:

1. To provide an educational program that provides an opportunity for students to develop social and academic skills necessary to be successful in school.
2. To provide an educational program that enhances students’ perception of the value of an education.
3. To improve school behaviors such as: attendance, respect for school rules and authority, respect for the rights of peers, and participation in school activities.
4. To help students develop and articulate their individual, educational, and career goals.